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# WELCOME TO THE YMCA'S YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM! Parent Handbook

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Our Mission: "Helping all people reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind and body." Financial Assistance Available.

# Requirements & Expectations

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To attend the Conference you must follow these guidelines:

- Attend at least 80% of delegation meetings
- Turn in one bill - individual or group
- Meet deadlines for bill submissions, conference role applications, financial assistance and BOTH registration websites
- Attend Virtual Pre-Conference
- You must pay your club dues on our local website before you will be sent the link to register for conference. The two different websites are not related and will require different passwords and usernames.
- Participants are usually **required** to volunteer at one event for the YMCA. Due to COVID-19, we are temporarily waiving this requirement.

## Important Dates

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- OCTOBER 26: Mock Trial and Media Applications Due
- NOVEMBER 21: Virtual Legislative Pre-Conference
- NOVEMBER 22: Virtual Judicial Pre-Conference
- NOVEMBER 23: Club Dues Due\* – Paid to the YMCA of NWNC  
Open Doors Financial Assistance Due
- DECEMBER 1: Lobbyist, Budget Analyst, and Candidate Applications Due  
Draft 1 of Bills Due
- DECEMBER 18: Final Draft of Bills Due
- JANUARY 14: Conference Registration Due – Late Fee Begins!
- FEBRUARY 12-14: Virtual Legislative Conference
- FEBRUARY 19-21: Virtual Judicial Conference

\*You CANNOT attend or register for conference until this is done. Once you register for the club you will get an email with Conference registration instructions.

## Cost Breakdown

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**\$40 Club Dues** – This fee goes towards staffing needs, materials, and other administrative costs. This will be paid on our local website [ymcanwnc.org](http://ymcanwnc.org), in your local YMCA branch, or over the phone with membership at 336-721-2100. If you have questions about the cost of the club dues please contact [r.thoresen@ymcanwnc.org](mailto:r.thoresen@ymcanwnc.org).

**\$89- Conference Cost** – The statewide conference is hosted by YMCA of the Triangle in Raleigh, who determines all pricing. The \$89 fee covers either the virtual Legislative or Judicial Conference. If your teen is interested in attending both, we have special pricing of \$133. Media students are required to attend both and will pay only \$89. If you have questions about the cost of the conference please contact [kate.gross@ymcatriangle.com](mailto:kate.gross@ymcatriangle.com).

Note: Because the YMCA of the Triangle hosts the conference, all fees must be paid through their website. Unfortunately, we are not able to handle fees in a single website or transaction at this time, but we are working to make this process as smooth as possible.

# Club Dues Registration Instructions

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Before you can register for the Conference you MUST pay your Club Dues:

1. Go to [ymcanwnc.org](http://ymcanwnc.org) and either login or create an account using **parent** information. (click "login" in the top right hand corner and select Potential Member at the bottom if you do not already have an account)
2. Add your teen to the account
3. Register for Youth and Government
4. Complete Payment
5. You will be emailed a link to register for Conference

OR you can register for Youth and Government with your local YMCA branch.

PLEASE NOTE YOUR LOGIN AND PASSWORD FOR THE NWNC WEBSITE AND THE TRIANGLE WEBSITE WILL BE DIFFERENT.

## Financial Assistance

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We understand that this is a costly program. The YMCA is a nonprofit organization that is committed to not turning anyone away due to inability to pay.

Please visit our website to complete the [Open Doors Application](#) if you are in financial need or interested in a scholarship.

Applications MUST be submitted to the **William G. White Jr., Family YMCA** on 775 West End Blvd. in Winston Salem or scanned to [r.thoresen@ymcanwnc.org](mailto:r.thoresen@ymcanwnc.org)

All applications must be submitted with the following documentation by NOVEMBER 23.

- Your most recent 1040 tax return. If you did not file, we will need verification of non-filing status from the IRS.
  - If you did not claim your children, please provide dependent verification (birth certificate, insurance card, etc.)
- 2 most recent paycheck stubs for everyone in the household who is working
- Proof of any other sources of income that you claim

Please keep in mind at this time Financial Assistance is only applied to conference registration.

Additional scholarships are available through the YMCA of the Triangle. Please see [ncyag.org](http://ncyag.org) for more information.

## Refund Policy

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Club Dues are **not** refundable.

Conference Registration- *See refund schedule at [nayag.org](http://nayag.org)*

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Q: Why are there two separate fees on two different websites?**

A: There are two main components of Youth & Government: Delegation Meetings and Conference. Your local NWNC YMCA Association runs delegation meetings throughout the year and arranges transportation to Conference. That is why you pay your Club Dues to the NWNC website.

The Triangle YMCA Association out of Raleigh operates Conference. Therefore, you register and pay for Conference through their website.

### **Q: What if my school doesn't have a Youth and Government Delegation?**

A: You can still participate! Reach out to Rain Thoresen at [r.thoresen@ymcanwnc.org](mailto:r.thoresen@ymcanwnc.org) for more information.

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